

COMPREHENSIVE AIDS RESOURCES EMERGENCY/HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT (CARE/HIPP)

What we do:

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, formerly the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, is federal legislation authorizing the Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program. CARE/HIPP, located within the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (OA), AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Section, pays health insurance premiums on behalf of people disabled because of HIV and at risk of losing their health insurance coverage.

Who we serve:

Individuals are eligible for CARE/HIPP if they:

- are a resident of California;
- are disabled by HIV/AIDS;
- have assets less than \$6,000;
- have income less than 400 percent of federal poverty level; and
- have a monthly insurance premium less than \$700.

What you should know:

CARE/HIPP has approximately 76 enrollment sites throughout California whose staff screen HIV-positive clients for program eligibility. In fiscal year 2005-06, approximately 346 clients were enrolled. CARE/HIPP has served over 4,788 clients since 1990 and paid over \$12 million in health insurance payments. Research has shown that for every dollar of CARE/HIPP money spent, California's Medi-Cal and ADAP saves approximately eight dollars.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I find a CARE/HIPP enrollment site? To locate an enrollment site in your area, contact OA at (916) 449-5900.

How long can a client remain on CARE/HIPP? Clients are eligible for a maximum of 36 months of coverage and must apply for State Disability Insurance, Social Security Disability Insurance, or private disability.

Helpful resources:

- For more information on OA's mission, programs, and other helpful resources, see Web site www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS.
- For information about HIV/AIDS, call the *California HIV/AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD) or see Web site www.AIDShotline.org.

